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SUBJECT:ECUADOREAN DEMARCHE ABOUT ARMS REQUESTS

1. ON JUNE 22, ECUADOREAN AMBASSADOR TO THE US GUSTAVO YCAZA CALLED ON ACTING DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FRANK DEVINE TO STATE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF ECUADOR (GOE) HAD INSTRUCTED YCAZA TO REITERATE THE GOE'S CONCERN ABOUT THE LACK OF A RESPONSE FROM THE USG TO THE GOE'S REQUEST FOR AN INTEGRATED AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM. AS YCAZA WENT ON, IT BECAME CLEAR THAT HE WAS REFERRING ONLY TO THE GOE'S
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REQUEST FOR THE IMPROVED HAWK SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE SYSTEM.
HE NEVER MENTIONED AIRCRAFT DURING THE CALL.

2. DEVINE ASKED IF THE GOE WAS INSISTING ON THE I-HAWK, OR WOULD THE GOE CONSIDER OTHER POSSIBILITIES? YCAZA SAID THAT HE COULD NOT ANSWER BUT THAT HE WOULD TRANSMIT THE QUESTION. DEVINE THEN ASKED YCAZA NOT TO PUT ANY INTER-

PRETATION ON THE FACT THAT SUCH A QUESTION WAS BEING RAISED. DEVINE EMPHASIZED THAT HE MERELY WANTED TO FIND OUT HOW THE GOE VIEWED THE SITUATION. DEVINE EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD IN MIND THE FACT THAT THERE MIGHT BE OTHER AIR DEFENSE OR MISSILE SYSTEMS, PERHAPS LESS COMPLICATED, LESS SOPHISTICATED, LESS COSTLY BUT AT THE SAME TIME EQUALLY OR MORE ADAPTED TO ECUADOR'S NEEDS. IF SUCH

EXISTED, WOULD ECUADOR BE INTERESTED? IN OTHER WORDS, IS ECUADOR'S INTEREST GENERIC OR SPECIFIC? YCAZA AGREED TO TRY TO FIND OUT.

3. AS HE WAS LEAVING, YCAZA ASKED WHETHER VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT PEREZ' VISIT TO THE US WOULD BRING ANY NEWS ABOUT THE TRADE ACT'S OPEC EXCLUSION. DEVINE REPLIED THAT NO DEFINITIVE RESOLUTION OF THIS PROBLEM SEEMED YET IN SIGHT. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE STATE VISIT MIGHT IN SOME WAY CONTRIBUTE TO A SOLUTION.

4. AS COUNTRY OFFICER ALLITTO ESCORTED YCAZA OUT OF THE DEPARTMENT, ALLITTO ASKED IF YCAZA HAD THE FEELING THAT HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO MAKE THE DEMARCHE BECAUSE A GOE DECISION WAS IMMINENT, OR MERELY AS ONE MORE FOLLOW-UP. YCAZA REPLIED THAT THE LATTER WAS THE CASE. ALLITTO THEN NOTED THAT YCAZA HAD NOT MENTIONED ANYTHING ABOUT AIRCRAFT, AND ASKED IF YCAZA HAD THE FEELING THAT A DECISION CONFIDENTIAL

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WAS IMMINENT ON THAT ISSUE. YCAZA SAID THAT HE DID NOT THINK SO, AND THAT THE GOE WOULD WANT TO WAIT UNTIL IT HAD RECEIVED A REPLY FROM THE USG. HE ADDED THAT THE GOE WOULD GO ELSEWHERE TO BUY AIRCRAFT ONLY VERY, VERY RELUCTANTLY. CHRISTOPHER

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